

Nonprofit Partner Portal User's Manual

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Username:	
Password:	



Online help: partners.handsonconnect.org

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Welcome to the Nonprofit Portal Training Manual!

We have designed this guide to help walk you through the Partner Portal and everything you'll need to know to successfully submit, edit, and manage your volunteer opportunities through the new Volunteer Network HandsOn Connect (HOC) system. There are many exciting features available in this system which we hope you'll explore – everything from adding custom questions for volunteers to answer upon registration to back-end management of volunteer interest inquiries to tracking volunteers' follow-through.

This guide is meant to be a helpful resource to be referred to whenever necessary. Please feel free to reach out to us directly if you have questions that are not answered within the pages of this guide. That's what we're here for!

~ City of Bloomington Volunteer Network

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Helpful HandsOn Connect Vocabulary

- City of Bloomington Volunteer Network Web Page = The Volunteer Network's page on the City of Bloomington's website. www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer
- Public or Volunteer Portal = The public webpage that anyone can view without logging in. This is where you will log in to your account. www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org
- Partners = Nonprofit partner agencies and staff.
- ➤ Partner Portal = The interface through Hands On Connect that Partner staff use to update and enter their information and opportunities.
- > Opportunity = Includes the title, description and type of the volunteer task. Every Opportunity has at least one (1) Occurrence.
- Occurrence = The scheduled date/s and time/s for an opportunity
- > Connection = Volunteer inquiries about your Opportunity's Occurrences
- Connection Grid = An area on the occurrence record where you can manage volunteer connections and approvals

Nonprofit Partner Portal Registration:

Once you have been approved as a Partner Portal User for your organization, you will receive an email to let you know that your User Account has been created. It will include your login and password information, which you can use to login to the Partner Portal.

If you don't already have profile on the Volunteer Network website, you will first need to create one (just like a volunteer would). The initial username and password that will be sent to you upon registration will allow access to the front-end of the website only. Please contact Lucy to request Partner Portal access once you have registered.

Logging in to the Partner Portal:

Once you have your username and password, go to the Volunteer Network homepage (www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org) and click on the blue "**LOGIN**" button in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Your username is by default the email address associated with your Volunteer Network HOC account.



 When prompted, enter your Username (by default, the email associated with your Volunteer Network HOC account) and Password. Then click LOGIN.

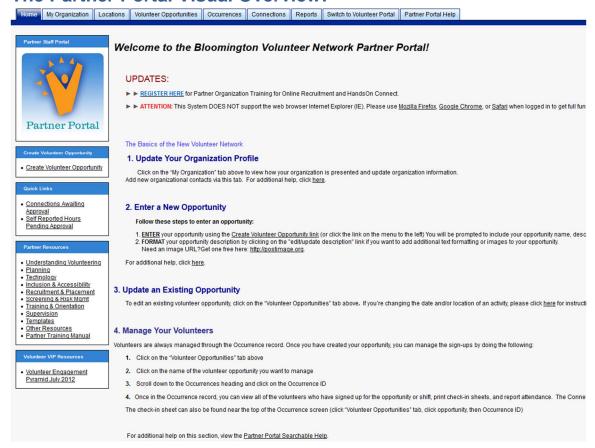
NOTE: If you have forgotten your password, click on "Forgot password?" (just above the password box) to have your password reset via email. When you sign in, you will be asked to choose a new password.



2. If you have Partner Portal access, you will likely be automatically directed to the Partner Portal (the administrative side of the website) upon logging in, where you will be able to manage your organization's volunteer opportunities and update your organization information (primary contacts only).

Please don't share your username and password with other people at your organization. If someone else at your organization needs access to the system, we can grant them access as well.

The Partner Portal Visual Overview:



The Home screen – The Partner Portal Home Page is the first screen you'll see when you log in. This area, along with the "Partner Resources" section (on the left side of the screen below the search box), is where we will post announcements, links, documents, and other information that will be useful to our nonprofit partners. Please skim both of these sections each time you log in to see if we've posted new information.

Vertical Menu Options:

- 1. Create Volunteer Opportunity Link This is what you will click to create a new volunteer opportunity.
- Create Volunteer Opportunity
 Create Volunteer Opportunity
- 2. **Quick Links** This contains links to pending Connections and Hours verification.
- 3. **Partner Resources** From training manuals to tips on leading volunteer reflections, keep an eye on this area for all sorts of important documents and helpful resources.
- 4. **Volunteer VIP Resources** This contains materials and resources connected with VIP information and network sessions. You can read more about previous and upcoming VIP sessions on the website under For Nonprofits Resources.
- 5. **Search** This is a quick way to search for opportunities, connections, locations, etc.

Horizontal Tabs:

- The Home screen This is where the Nonprofit Partner Resource Center resides.
 We will update this landing page with the latest Partner resources for your benefit!
 Please give it a glance every time you sign in to see check for important updates and announcements.
- My Organization This tab lists the account information for your organization. It
 includes basic information like your mission statement and website which show up in
 your Organization Profile on the public site, as well as the primary contact
 information associated with the account.
- 3. Locations Every organization has at least one (and often more) locations associated with the volunteer opportunities it posts. Each location is listed in its own record, and includes pertinent information like parking, entrance, and public transit directions, as well as an automated link to Google maps. Location records can be linked to multiple Volunteer Opportunities and Occurrences.
- 4. **Volunteer Opportunities** Here, you'll find the Volunteer Opportunities submitted and managed by your organization. Volunteer Opportunity Records contain the overarching information about a volunteer opportunity, such as description, search criteria, restrictions (e.g. age), and more. You can use the "View" dropdown menu to choose which groups of opportunities you'd like to see (e.g. just opportunities "pending approval").
- 5. **Connections** The Connections tab lists volunteer "Connection" records, which represent volunteer sign-ups or volunteer referrals (e.g. a single Connection record would capture the fact that Joe Smith expressed interest in the "Afterschool Tutor"

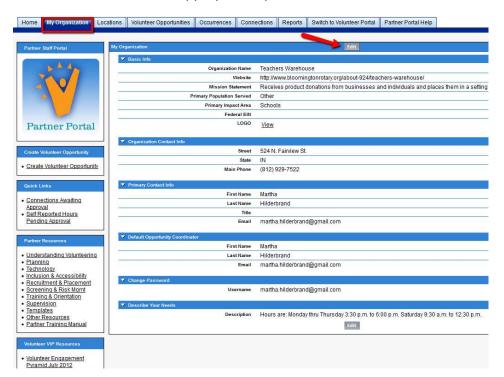
- volunteer opportunity on a given date). This can be a useful place to see whether any volunteer connections remain un-verified.
- 6. **Reports** This feature allows us to build custom reports for you, so you can easily access useful lists of information e.g. volunteer answers to custom questions, project feedback, and more.
- 7. **Switch to Volunteer Portal tab** Click here to go to the public website (e.g. if you wanted to sign up to volunteer for a project, or check to see what your opportunities look like on the front end of the website).
- 8. **Partner Portal Help** Click here for additional searchable help topics about using the Partner Portal.

Updating Your Organization's Information (available to Primary Contact only)

Click on the **My Organizations** Tab at the top of the partner portal window. You should see your organization's account profile. Click on **Edit** to make any changes or updates to the profile.

Please note, only the Primary Contact listed for an organization will be able to make global edits to the account, such as web address, mission statement, impact area, organization contact information, and more. If you are not listed as the primary contact, you can visit this page, but you will only be able to manage your own password information through the "Edit" screen.

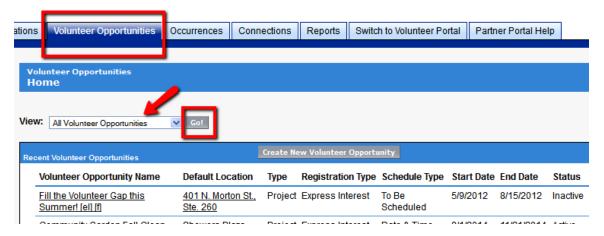
If you feel like the primary contact for the account should be changed to you and/or you see information that needs to be changed which you don't have access to, please contact us to discuss the appropriate updates.



Reviewing Your Organization's Volunteer Opportunities

To review all of the Volunteer Opportunities your organization has posted:

- Click on the Volunteer Opportunities tab in the horizontal menu bar. Once
 there, a list of recently viewed Volunteer Opportunities will appear (recently
 viewed items include anything you've looked at in the Partner Portal OR on the
 public Volunteer Network website, regardless of whether they were posted by
 your organization).
- 2. Select **All Volunteer Opportunities** from the dropdown **View** menu and click **Go** to see a list of all of the Volunteer Opportunities your organization has posted.



In the list overview, you can find useful information such as the default location, the registration and schedule types, and the status of the Volunteer Opportunity. Note that the **Start & End Dates** listed usually refer to the recruitment window for the opportunity. Opportunity **Status** designations include:

Pending = Posting is still in progress (you have not submitted it for approval). **Awaiting Approval** = Posting has been submitted & is awaiting approval from Volunteer Network staff.

Active = Posting has been approved by Volunteer Network staff. Note that this may not mean posting is live on the website. It must have an associated Occurrence with Active Status as well.

Click on the **Volunteer Opportunity Name** to view a particular Volunteer Opportunity Record.

To determine which of your opportunities are actually LIVE on the website, the easiest way to do this is through the public website. Click on the **Switch to Volunteer Portal** tab to go the public website and click on **Browse Organizations** in the horizontal menu bar under "For Volunteers."

Find your Organization in the list and click on its name to view your Organization Profile. On the right-hand side of your profile, find and click on the green link that says **See All Volunteer Opportunities with this Partner Organization**. You will be taken to a Search Results page that lists all Volunteer Opportunities that are currently active on the site for your organization.



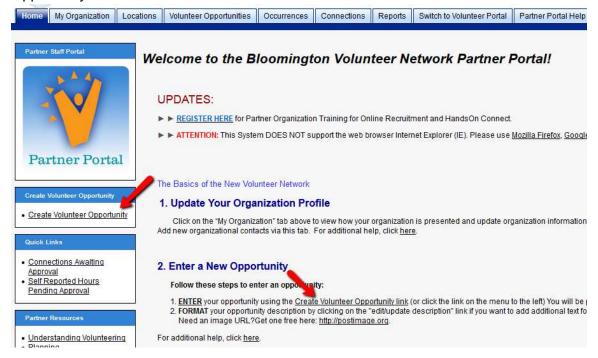
Overview of the Types of Volunteer Opportunity Postings

Currently, the Volunteer Network provides two different "posting types" for volunteer opportunities. When you submit your volunteer opportunities through the Partner Portal, you will need to choose a "Schedule Type" to confirm how you would like the opportunity to be posted on the Volunteer Network website. Use the chart below to guide your choice.

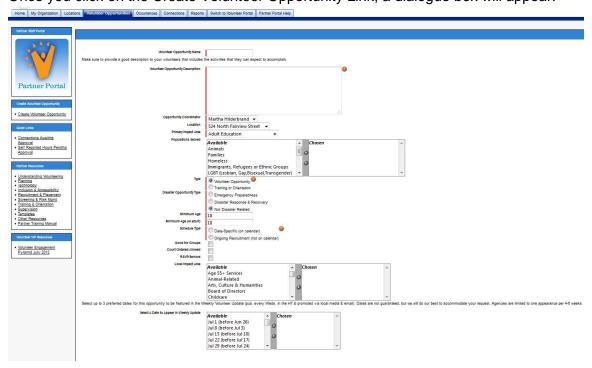
Posting Type:	Schedule Type:
Appear on the Calendar and are Date & Time Specific Calendared Opportunities are "done-in-a-day", or "sign-up-and-show- up", date-and-time specific opportunities that are managed by you, our nonprofit partners.	Date & Time Specific
Volunteers can "EXPRESS INTEREST" in these opportunities with a click of a button and will require follow-up and confirmation from someone at your organization.	
Volunteers can also "SIGN UP" allowing the volunteer to fully register for the opportunity through the website.	
Ongoing Recruitment Opportunities	
This type of volunteer posting is appropriate for longer-term or skills-based volunteer opportunities that typically require commitment beyond a single done-in-a-day shift.	Ongoing Recruitment
Volunteers "EXPRESS INTEREST" in these opportunities and will require follow-up and confirmation from someone at your organization.	

How to Submit a New Volunteer Opportunity: Using the Create Volunteer Opportunity Link

Creating a new Volunteer Opportunity is very easy with the **Create Volunteer Opportunity Link**. After logging into your account simply click the Create Volunteer Opportunity link in the text or on the left hand side of the screen.



Once you click on the Create Volunteer Opportunity Link, a dialogue box will appear.



Complete all of the fields as required and click 'next'. The form will generate the next questions based on the type of Volunteer Opportunity you are creating.

Enter a Volunteer Opportunity Name.

Select the **Primary Impact Area** that is as relevant as possible. There may not be an exact match.

Select a **Location**. If this is a new location, select **Create Location** and enter that information first.

There are two options for **Type**;

- 1. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** for opportunities that a volunteer can sign up for or express interest in.
- 2. **TRAINING or ORIENTATION** for new volunteer trainings and orientations

There are two options for **Schedule Type**;

- 1. **DATE & TIME SPECIFIC** projects show up on the Volunteer Calendar.
- 2. **ONGOING RECRUITMENT** projects show up in the searchable Volunteer Opportunity Database.

If this is a **Date & Time Specific** Volunteer Opportunity you will also have to select one of two options for **Registration Type**;

- 1. **EXPRESS INTEREST** opportunities allow the volunteer to express interest through our site. You will receive an email with their contact information and it is up to you to follow up with this volunteer. This can be useful if you are screening applicants or need to set up a volunteer schedule with this individual.
- 2. **SIGN UP** opportunities allow the volunteer to fully register for the project through our site.

If this is an **Ongoing Recruitment Opportunity**, you will need to pick a **Start Date** and **End Date**.

This is not asking when the project itself will start and end, it is asking you what the recruiting dates are for this project.

The Start Date refers to the date you want to start recruiting for the volunteer opportunity, and the End Date is the date after which the opportunity is no longer visible to potential volunteers on the public website.

Get Featured! Select your preferred dates for including this listing in the VolunteerBloomington! Weekly email and media blast. Select up to 3 preferences for weeks you would like this listing featured. Please notice that feature weeks must be selected prior to the Friday before to be eligible for inclusion.

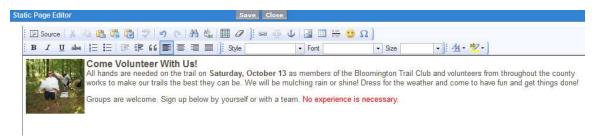
After you have finished the entire form, you can click Finish.

After you have completed this form – you have the option of formatting your opportunity description.

Format Your Description



At the top of the Volunteer Opportunity Detail Page page will be a tan box that shows all the steps that you have completed and which steps still need to be finished. To add a photo or format the text, click on the **Add/Change Description** link in the volunteer opportunity record.

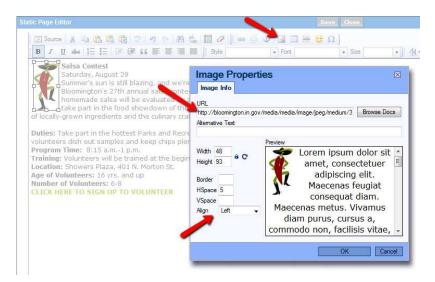


This will open the editor for your Project Description. You can add text, links, pictures and logos (You will need a URL for any photos or images placed in your listing). You can also change the color of text or make certain words bold in order to draw more attention to application deadlines or special requirements. Once completed, click **Save**, then **Close**.

After this window closes, you may notice that Opportunity Description is not checked yet; you can **Refresh** your browser window and it will now show as checked.

How to Add an Image to your Description

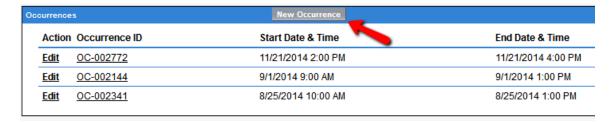
You will need a URL (internet address) for any image that you would like to include in your online description. Need an image URL? Get one free here: http://postimage.org.



Create a New Occurrence

When you enter a new opportunity using the Create Volunteer Opportunity Link, your occurrence will be created for you.

If this project is Date-Specific and you want to add additional occurrences after exiting the Create Volunteer Opportunity Link ~or~ you are updating an existing Date-Specific or Ongoing opportunity, you can manually create additional occurrences by clicking the link **Create New Recurrence** and following the prompts.

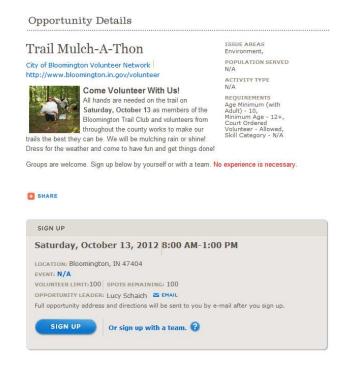


Preview your listing online

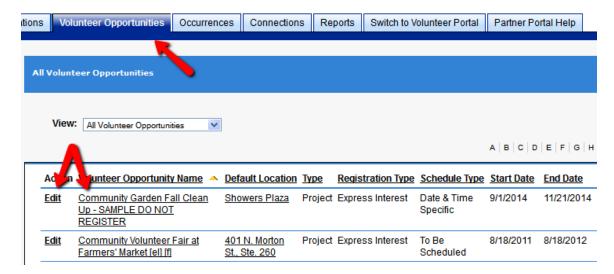
Click the link for the **Occurrence URL** to preview your listing. This link is located in the Occurrence section, just below your Volunteer Opportunity information.



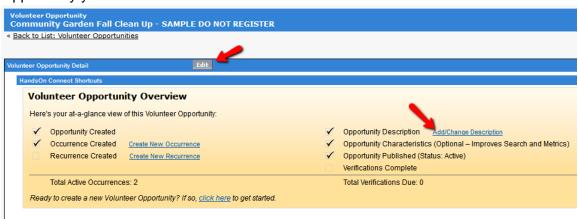
Your opportunity will not be posted until Volunteer Network staff have reviewed and approved it for publication. Please allow 24-48 hours for this to happen.



Editing and Updating a Volunteer Opportunity



Click on the **Volunteer Opportunities** tab and then the name of the Volunteer Opportunity you want to edit.



You can now edit any of the information that you entered when the project was created. You can do this two ways. You can click **Edit** at the top of the page, make the changes and then click **Save** or just change it directly on this page and click **Save**.

If you need to edit the project description, click the **Change Description** link under the yellow box. Make your changes, then click **Save** and then **Close**.

If you do need to edit the project, you will now be forced to select a **Primary Impact Area, Genders Served,** & **Age Groups Served** before you can save your edits.

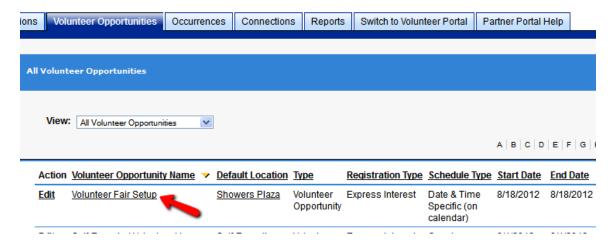


Adding Project Occurrences

Ongoing Recruitment opportunities have only one occurrence indicating a recruitment time period.

Date & Time Specific opportunities may have multiple occurrences for multiple shifts or dates.

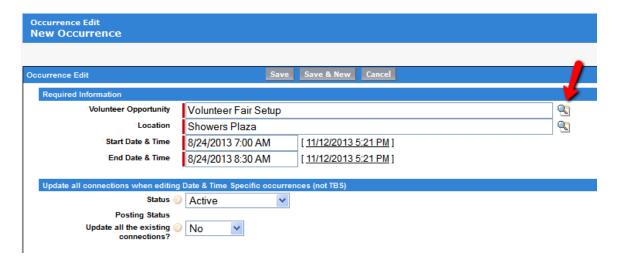
If the project is **Date & Time Specific** and you need to add additional dates, click on the **Volunteer Opportunities** tab and then the name of the Volunteer Opportunity you want to add occurrences to.



In the yellow box, click the Create New Occurrence link.

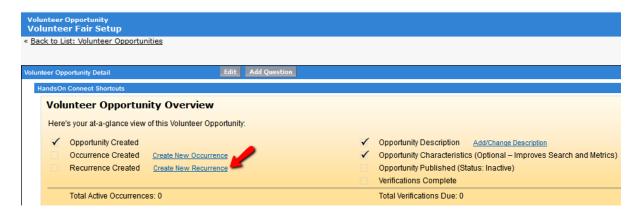


Complete the top portion of the Occurrence page. Both the location and contact for this occurrence will default to the location and contact selected for the parent opportunity. You do not need to complete these fields unless there is a different location or contact for this occurrence.

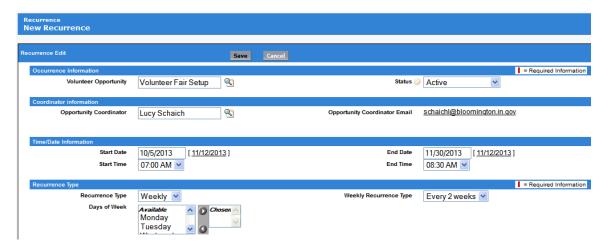


Adding Project Recurrences

If you have multiple occurrences that happen on a regular basis at the same time or day of the month, creating a recurrence may be a helpful and efficient way to enter those.



Follow the prompts to complete the recurrence page with the relevant pattern of your opportunity's repeating: Daily, Weekly, Monthly, etc.



When you click Save, you will have created a series of occurrences that follow a pattern. You can then edit those occurrences separately if needed. They all refer back to the opportunity listing – so be careful to keep that listing description up to date.

Deactivating Volunteer Opportunities

If you need to remove a Volunteer Opportunity from the Searchable Database or Project Calendar, click on **Volunteer Opportunities** and click on the name of the Volunteer Opportunity you would like to remove from the public website.

PLEASE NOTE: No opportunity may be deleted from your list of opportunities. All opportunities will remain in your listing on the Partner Portal as an archive, but they can be removed from the public website to discontinue recruitment.

Deactivating Ongoing Recruitment Volunteer Opportunities

To deactivate an Ongoing Recruitment type of volunteer opportunity, simply edit the opportunity to change the **End Date** to a date in the past.

To re-activate the opportunity, edit the opportunity again to change the **End Date** to a date in the future. Be sure to update the opportunity description as well when reactivating an archived opportunity.

Deactivating Date & Time Specific Volunteer Opportunities

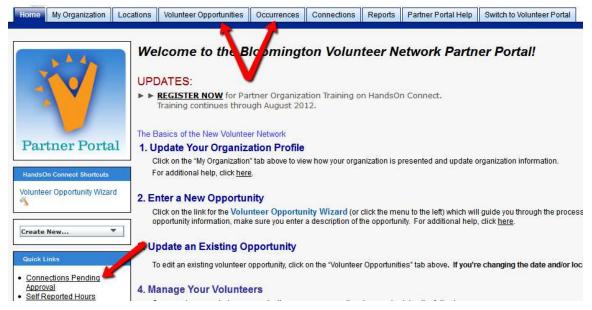
To deactivate a **Date & Time Specific** type of volunteer opportunity, scroll down to the Occurrences section of the page and click on the Occurrence ID that you want to deactivate. Editing the Occurrence **End Date** to a date in the past will deactivate that opportunity from the live listings.

To re-activate the opportunity, simply add a new occurrence to the opportunity with a date that ends in the future.

Deleting the entire Volunteer Opportunity is not possible, and would not be advisable as it will create orphaned records for any volunteer who may have connected with your opportunity.

Managing Volunteers

Once you have created your opportunity, there are several ways to access your volunteer sign up information to approve participation, verify hours, print check in sheets and mark attendance.



Approve Pending Volunteers

Access your **Occurrence Records** through one of the following:

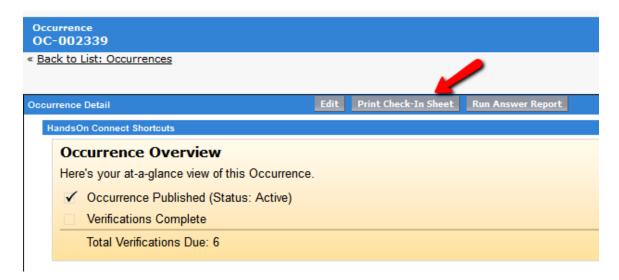
- The Quick Links Connections Pending Approval link > Select the Occurrence
- The Volunteer Opportunities Tab > Select the opportunity and then scroll down to the Occurrence ID
- > The Occurrence Tab > Select the Occurrence

Once in the Occurrence record, you can scroll down and view all of the volunteers who have signed up for the opportunity or shift, print check-in sheets, and report attendance. The Connections Grid on this screen will also allow you to mass email volunteers and report attendance.



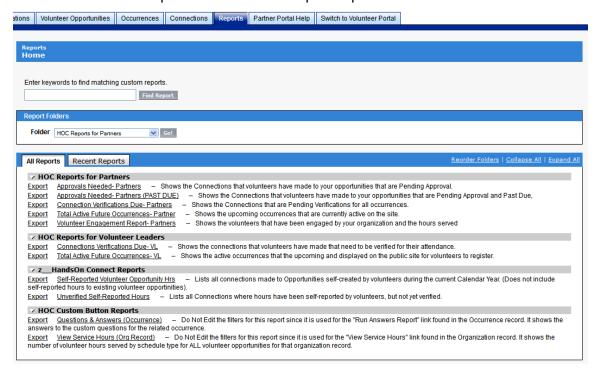
Print a Check-In Sheet

In the Occurrence record, you can click on the "Print Check-In Sheet" button to print out a sign in sheet for all approved volunteers.



View, Download or Print a Report

Click on the Reports tab to select a report to preview or download



Switching between the Partner Portal and the Public website (aka. the "Volunteer Portal")

To access the public side of the website, simply click on the "Switch to Volunteer Portal" tab, and the system will take you to the public website. You can visit the public website to see how your volunteer opportunities and account information look to volunteers. Please note, however, that your volunteer opportunities will not show up on the website until they have been approved by Volunteer Network staff.



From the public website, you can access the volunteer leader portal by clicking on the "Return to Organization Portal" link in the upper right-hand corner below the "Logout" button.



For more even more help and searchable topics listings about using the Partner Portal, log in to <u>partners.handsonconnect.org</u>.

Quick Reference Sheet

Enter Your Opportunity Online (in HandsOn Connect)

www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS - these can be confusing terms when entering your opportunity:

OPPORTUNITY TYPE → Volunteer Opportunity or Training or Orientation

SCHEDULE TYPE → Date & Time Specific = Calendared event ('done in a day' opportunity), Ongoing Recruitment = Not on the calendar

REGISTRATION TYPE → Sign Up = volunteer is automatically confirmed, Express Interest = volunteer will contact you to be scheduled

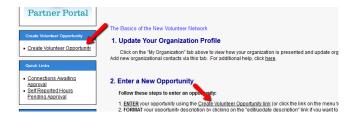
Log in to your Partner Account

Use your email as your username



3 Steps to Entering a New Opportunity:

1. ENTER your opportunity using the Create Volunteer Opportunity Link
You will need the title, description, contact, location, and date and time of your opportunity.



2. ADD a date to feature your opportunity in the Volunteer Bloomington Weekly Media Blast. It is best to select a date that is 2-5 weeks before your event or recruitment needs.



3. FORMAT your opportunity description to include text links, formatting, and photos if needed. IMPORTANT: Refresh the page after adding or editing your description.

